



## Brazil Trip 2014 July 26th - August 3rd

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## **USMMA GROUP TRIP DESCRIPTION**

### **ABCCMM National Show, Belo Horizonte, Brazil July 26 - July 28**

**Fly July 26th, Land July 27th.**

**27th - Day at the National Show**

**28th - Visit to a local MM Breeder in a.m. Show in the p.m.**

You will participate in the biggest event of the breed, the Mangalarga Marchador National Exposition in Belo Horizonte. During ten day period, over 1500 horses, which are already champions in other expositions in different parts of the country, will be presented and judged. The finale is to name of the best of the best - the CHAMPION of each MARCHA, each age group, each sex and then the CHAMPION OF CHAMPIONS! And YOU will be able to ride some of the horses there. Or you just observe the Marcha of the beautiful horses, make your own evaluation and guess which one will be the winner. Another thrilling part of the program is your participation in auctions, held at night, when some of the best horses are offered for sale to excited bidders. Other activities will be planned during these days to meet the Marchador breeders at the show, visit some close-by farms and also some other tourist attractions - shopping and history. We will be at the National Exposition in Belo Horizonte for two nights at this time.

### **Historic Tour July 29th and July 30th**

Visit to the historic city that is the birthplace of the Mangalarga Marchador, set in the beautiful landscape of the south of Minas Gerais State. Cruzilia is also the home of the only Museum of the Mangalarga Marchador can be visited. There, you can travel back to the past of our beloved breed touring the foundation farms of JB, FAVACHO, TRAITUBA, ANGAHY and more. There are side trips to Tiradentes (history and shopping!) and also perhaps some Marchador farms that could open their doors to us. Two nights.

### **ABCCMM National Show, Belo Horizonte, Brazil July 31 - August 2**

**July 31 Return to Belo Horizonte a.m. Visit ABCCMM office. National Show.**

**August 1 National Show and MM Auction at night.**

**August 2nd National Show - the FINALS!!!! Leave August 2nd at night or August 3rd.**

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## OPTIONAL — ON YOUR OWN

### **Caminhos do Marchador (Optional come early and ride)**

The ABCCMM has offered to provide a Marchador for you to ride on this long ride before the Nationals. The grand finale is a lap around the main show ring carrying the flag of your country. This is a multi-day trip, riding every day. If you are interested, please contact Rick so he provide specific dates and arrange a horse for you!

### **Haras Clarion (Optional stay and ride)**

A dream vacation at an operating Haras (horse farm) north of Belo Horizonte. You will experience long daily horse rides through fields with palm trees, sugar cane plantation and rivers. Perhaps if you are courageous, you can also work with cattle or practice the Functional Tests in the arena. Relax by the pool and enjoy the best Caipirinha or fresh Coconut water. Stay as long as you like and RIDE! We have targeted 3 days. <http://www.harasclarion.com>

### **Rio de Janeiro/Beaches (Optional Stay and Play)**

On your own, you can take the opportunity to travel and tour Rio de Janeiro, one of the most electric, beautiful and historic cities in Brazil. Be sure to book a safe hotel and take precautions that you would take in any large city. The beaches and ambience, restaurants and nightlife are some of the best the world has to offer.

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## BUDGET AND DETAILS

### What you need to do

Book a flight to Brazil! Remember that most flights take off on one day and land on the next day for most departure cities. Send me a copy of the itinerary so we can arrange pickup at the Belo Horizonte airport.

**Obtain a Passport (must be valid for at least 6 months on dates of travel) and a Brazilian VISA.**

**Notify me if you are want to be part of this USMMA group! ON OR BEFORE June 15, 2014.**

In the past, the ABCCMM has sponsored some of the Nacional Show events, transportation and accommodation for foreign guests. They have indicated that 10 rooms and Belo Horizonte transport to and from the Expo are covered by the ABCCMM - Save \$750 or more!

All costs are estimated, not actuals

Description	Quantity	Unit Price	Cost
Flights to Brazil (varies)	1	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,500
Room Charges in Belo Horizonte	4	\$ 130	\$ 520
Historic Tour Cruzilia, Farms and MM Museum	2	\$ 130	\$ 260
Meals, drinks, shopping (varies)	7	100	700
Transport	7	\$ 35	\$ 245
ON YOUR OWN:: Rio de Janeiro (price depends on hotel)	2	\$ 400	\$ 800
OPTIONAL Haras Clarion (all inclusive)	2	\$ 130	\$ 260
<b>Total (NOT including ON YOUR OWN)</b>			<b>\$ 3,225</b>

### The weather and what to pack

July temperatures average 70-80 degrees F and 50s at night. The dress is very casual - jeans are fine for everyday. If you intend to ride, pack boots or half-chaps and a riding helmet.

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Belo\\_Horizonte](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Belo_Horizonte)

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